

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): During the year 1991 so far 25 seminars/ conferences/ workshops have been organised directly or indirectly and an expenditure of approximately Rs. 14.85 lakhs has been incurred.

[Translation]

Opening of more LPG Agencies in Trans Yamuna Area in Delhi

1143. SHIR B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are very few LPG agencies in trans Yamuna area of Delhi due to which consumers have to face a lot of inconvenience;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open more LPG agencies in this area; and

(c) if so, the detail of the agencies likely to be opened during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). LPG distributorships are opened in different towns as per Marketing Plans and policies in force from time to time.

Construction of Indian Oil Depot at Aonia

1144. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the construction of the approved depot of the Indian Oil at Aonia is likely to be started; and

(b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon and the time by which the depot is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.

SHANKARANAND): (a) The construction work of the depot at Aonia will commence after the land is acquired and physical possession is made over to Indian Oil Cooperation by the Uttar Pradesh Government.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 19.57 crores. The depot is expected to be completed in 36 months after taking physical possession of the land from the State Government.

Allotment of LPG Agencies at block level

1145. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had formulated a scheme to allot L.P.G. agencies at the Development Block Level;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) As per the present policy new LPG agencies are being set up a phased manner depending upon economic viability and product availability of 20,000 and above (as per 1981 census).

World Bank Assistance for Bihar Public Tubewells Project

1146. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial assistance received from the utilised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN

SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Except for delays in implementation the financial assistance received from the World Bank is being utilised according to terms and conditions of the agreement. Slow progress is attributable largely to delays in procurement of Civil Works, submersible pumps, installation of dedicated feeder lines and budgetary resources.

[English]

Pakistan Minister's address to General Assembly regarding Jammu and Kashmir

1147. SHRISHRAVANKUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan in his recent address to the United Nations General Assembly *inter-alia* referred to the Kashmir issue; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistan Minister in his address to the UN General Assembly on September, 30, 1991 had made a number of references and allegations against India in the context of the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian representative responded on the same day and effectively countered all charges. He also highlighted Pakistan's open interference in India's internal affairs and support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

LPG Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

1148. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies

allocated in Madhya Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot more LPG agencies in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the number thereof and the place identified for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Five LPG distributorships were allotted in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1990-91.

(b) and (c) LPG distributorships are opened as per marketing Plans and policy from time to time.

Pakistan Prime Minister's Speech on Kashmir issue at Colombo

1149. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned " Pak rakes up J-K issue in Colombo" appearing in the Indian Express dated November 9, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's regret and concern was conveyed to the Government of Sri Lanka for permitting its soil to be used for rhetoric against India. The Government of Sri Lanka have informed us that while they could not have anticipated the remarks that the visiting Pakistani Prime Minister would make, they had duly noted the concern expressed by the Government of India.